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PRODUCTION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS AND HERBS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of medicinal plants and herbs in the country especially in Himacha Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, North- Eastern States and Uttarakhand during the last three years;

(b) the details of the financial assistance provided to promote cultivation of medicinal plants and herbs during the said period, State-wise; and

(c) the total export of herbal medicines from these States during the said period

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) According to a study conducted by the National Medicinal Plants Boards through the Foundation for Revitalization of local Health Tradition (FRLHT), Bangalore, the total production of medicinal plants in the country is estimated to be about 3.19 lakh metric tones. Most of the medicinal plants are sourced from the forest and wastelands. In all 960 medicinal plants are actively traded, Out of which 178 species have annual consumption of more than 100 metric tonnes (MTs). There is, however, no information available on the state wise production of medicinal plants in the country.

(b) Information is enclosed at Annexure − I

(c) Information regarding the export of herbal medicines from the referred States is not available. However, information regarding export of various medicines / medicaments and medicinal plants / herbs during the last three years is provided in Annexure − II